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**CENTRAL FAX CENTER****APR 17 2006****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/361,478 Confirmation No.: 5568  
Applicant(s) : J. Wallace Parce and Morten J. Jensen  
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Title : Distributed Database for Analytical Instruments

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.